



Minutes

Council Meeting

7.00pm, Tuesday 16 March 2021

MS Teams

1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Land

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra.

We pay our respects to Elders from all nations here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

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| • Cr Gabrielle de Vietri | Mayor |
| • Cr Claudia Nguyen | Deputy Mayor |
| • Cr Edward Crossland | Councillor |
| • Cr Stephen Jolly | Councillor |
| • Cr Herschel Landes | Councillor |
| • Cr Anab Mohamud | Councillor |
| • Cr Bridgid O'Brien | Councillor |
| • Cr Amanda Stone | Councillor |
| • Cr Sophie Wade | Councillor |

Council officers

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| • Vijaya Vaidyanath | Chief Executive Officer |
| • Ivan Gilbert | Group Manager Chief Executive's Office |
| • Lucas Gosling | Director Community Wellbeing |
| • Gracie Karabinis | Group Manager People and Culture |
| • Chris Leivers | Director City Works and Assets |
| • Diarmuid McAlary | Director Corporate, Business and Finance |
| • Bruce Phillips | Director Planning and Place Making |
| • Rhys Thomas | Senior Governance Advisor |
| • Mel Nikou | Governance Officer |

3. Announcements

Councillor Stone spoke about the behaviour and conduct towards the Mayor at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 March 2021:

I would just like to address something that happened at the last Council meeting, I thought you were treated with disrespect and there were some unacceptable behaviour and in speaking to some residents after the meeting during the week, they were quite distressed at seeing the way you were treated. I was sorry that I actually didn't jump in and speak about it at the time, it was quite difficult, but I do want to put on the record here that the fact that you were interrupted and spoken over, the fact that you were told that you couldn't do something, that you had every right to do, in terms of the meeting, the fact that you were told you had no authority, that it was a threat to report you to the

Minister for Local Government, you were compared to Stalin, and all this sort of behaviour was really unacceptable, it is very upsetting to people watching it, it is upsetting to me now and I think in light of where we are in this point in time in March 2021 and the expectations and behaviour in public life, that was unacceptable and I think it needs to be put on the public record that it wasn't acceptable conduct and it would not be condoned by this Council. I can't apologise for the behaviour because it wasn't mine, but I apologise to you for not raising it at the time and for allowing the public observing that meeting, to think it was being condoned by our silence.

4. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Councillor Landes declared a conflict of interest on item 13.1.

5. Confidential business reports

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor de Vietri

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to allow consideration of confidential information

CARRIED

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

Item

5.1 IntoWork Report

This item is presented for consideration in closed session because it contains council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

This item is considered applicable because it contains information in relation to a commercial negotiations regarding a part Council-owned business entity.

6. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Wade

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 March 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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7. Public question time

The following questions were asked by members of the public during Public Question Time. A recording of the Council meeting containing the full question and response (where provided) is available on Council's website for four years following the meeting.

Questioner	Topic	Response
Carol Pelham-Thorman	Response time to questions raised at previous meeting	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response
Stephen McCulloch	VCAT hearing regarding 17-23 Wangaratta Street.	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response
Mark Purvis, Protect Clifton Hill Inc.	Planning Application regarding The Foundry	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response

8.1 Update on Glenvill's Groundwater Investigations and Yarra Riverbank at Yarra Bend Development, Alphington

Reference D21/20777
Author Ciaran Maher - Senior Project Engineer
Authoriser Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 7.43pm

1. That:

- (a) Council notes this report, and that the cause of the slumping of the riverbank is not yet definitively known;
- (b) Council notes Glenvill's intention to install additional sub-surface drainage in the riverbank subject to all relevant authority approvals;
- (c) Council Officers continue to liaise with Glenvill and request further investigations to implement Alluviums recommendations as per their peer review report, and that any additional information/data resulting from such investigations be provided to Council to review;
- (d) Council Officers continue to monitor and take any necessary action to ensure appropriate management of the Yarra Bend site, including the riverbank, by Glenvill and their agents; and
- (e) Melbourne Water (MW), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and any other authorities/agencies as appropriate, be informed of current and ongoing investigations and findings.

Public Submission

Len Warson, CEO Glenvill addressed Council on the matter.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor de Vietri

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

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- (a) Council notes this report, and that the cause of the slumping of the riverbank is not yet definitively known;
- (b) Council notes Glenvill's intention to install additional sub-surface drainage in the riverbank subject to all relevant authority approvals;
- (c) Council acknowledge that, according to Alluvium's Peer Review, the Douglas Partners report (2021) undertaken on behalf of Glenvill does not address the information gaps, has not integrated all the data assessments completed to date, has not provided suitable conceptual models of the processes at work and has not provided or assessed the options for management;
- (d) Council also notes the review states that conclusions drawn by the Douglas Partners report;
 - (i) are not supported by evidence and do not tell a complete story that is supported by available evidence and, Alluvium therefore asserts that the management recommendations that follow are not well justified; and

- (ii) also fails to address the broader management of the existing slumps and the options to prevent slumping in areas not protected by the proposed drainage solutions;
- (e) Council Officers continue to liaise with Glenvill and request further investigations to obtain the information necessary (including water samples) to ensure the safety and stability of the area in line with Alluviums recommendations as per their peer review report, and that any additional information/data resulting from such investigations be provided to Council to review;
- (f) Council Officers continue to monitor and take any necessary action to ensure appropriate management of the Yarra Bend site, including the riverbank, by Glenvill and their agents;
- (g) Melbourne Water (MW), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and any other authorities/agencies as appropriate, be informed of current and ongoing investigations and findings; and
- (h) Council fully explore the legal avenues available if Glenvill do not undertake the measures necessary to protect the riverbank.

Councillor O'Brien suggested the below amendment. The amendment was not accepted by the mover. It was then formally put.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

- (d) (i) also fails to address the broader management of the existing damage and the options to prevent slumping in areas not protected by the proposed drainage solutions;

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Jolly, O'Brien and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Stone, Crossland, de Vietri, Mohamud, Landes and Wade

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor de Vietri

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Jolly, Stone, O'Brien, Crossland, de Vietri, Mohamud, Nguyen, Landes and Wade

Against: Nil

8.2 Nicholson Street, Mollison Street and Langridge Street, Abbotsford: Traffic calming trial evaluation

Reference D21/19691
Author Peter Moran - Manager Infrastructure, Traffic and Civil Engineering
Authoriser Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION **Start time: 8.27pm**

1. That Council:
 - (a) supports the implementation of the endorsed LAPM 13 Plan, Item 19 (being to replace the Langridge Street zebra crossing with a threshold treatment and kerb extensions; and install a raised zebra crossing north of Langridge Street) excluding the central median;
 - (b) notes that this treatment requires an allocation of \$200k, and noting an allocation of \$934k for Abbotsford LAPM 13 is being considered as part of the discretionary expenditure in the 2021/22 financial year budget process and that this allocation would enable the proposed measures to be delivered in 2021/22, refer this to the 2021/22 budget process for formal consideration; and
 - (c) notes that implementation would be subject to Council approval and allocation of sufficient funding in the 2021/22 budget process.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Andrea Cook;

Lisa Byrne;

Gary Shadforth, Cremorne Community Inc.; and

Jeremy Lawrence, Streets Alive Yarra.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Landes **Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
 - (a) supports the implementation of the endorsed LAPM 13 Plan, Item 19 (being to replace the Langridge Street zebra crossing with a threshold treatment and kerb extensions; and install a raised zebra crossing north of Langridge Street) excluding the central median;
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 - (c) notes that implementation would be subject to Council approval and allocation of sufficient funding in the 2021/22 budget process; and
 - (d) explore options to retain or move the zebra crossing at the intersection of Langridge Street and Nicholson Street so as to enable a safe north-south crossing on Langridge Street.

Councillor de Vietri suggested adding the below amendment. The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

- (e) that in order to achieve the best safety outcomes in the area, Council additionally prepare a report to introduce a median treatment (item 17 of the Abbotsford LAPM) once the other treatments are implemented, incorporating the learnings from the short trial in 2020.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Landes

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

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- (e) that in order to achieve the best safety outcomes in the area, Council additionally prepare a report to introduce a median treatment (item 17 of the Abbotsford LAPM) once the other treatments are implemented, incorporating the learnings from the short trial in 2020.

CARRIED

8.3 Status Update - 3-Bin Kerbside Service

Reference D21/19027
Author Joe Agostino - Assistant Manager City Works
Authoriser Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION **Start time: 9.18pm**

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the 'Status Update 3 Bin Kerbside Service' report; and
 - (b) note that Officers will continue to monitor the service and to make adjustments as necessary; and to continue to support residents to make adjustments to minimise waste, maximise recycling and appropriately dispose of waste where disposal is necessary.

Public Submission

Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN) addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Landes **Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

1. That Council:
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 - (b) note that Officers will continue to monitor the service and to make adjustments as necessary; and to continue to support residents to make adjustments to minimise waste, maximise recycling and appropriately dispose of waste where disposal is necessary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10.02pm

The meeting resumed at 10.07pm

8.4 Fitzroy-Collingwood Interim Planning Scheme provisions (Stage 2) – Alexandra Parade, Victoria Parade (east of ACU) and Fitzroy West

Reference	D21/3558
Author	Kate Johnson - Strategic Planner
Authoriser	Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 10.07pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the officer report and attachments for the Fitzroy-Collingwood Stage 2 interim built form provisions for Alexandra Parade, Victoria Parade and the Fitzroy West Mixed Use Zone area;
 - (b) adopts for the purpose of supporting the amendment request, the three individual Precinct Review and Built Form Framework reports, supporting Heritage Analysis and Recommendations and the Traffic Engineering Assessment prepared by Hansen Partnership, GJM Heritage and Traffix Group at **Attachments 1 to 7**;
 - (c) requests the Minister for Planning in accordance with sections 8(1)(b) and section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to introduce Design and Development Overlay Schedules 38, 39 and 40 on an interim basis into the Yarra Planning Scheme (**Attachment 8**);
 - (d) authorises officers to consult with the Minister, in accordance with sections 8(1)(b), 20(4) and 20(5) of the Act, to assist the Minister to prepare, adopt and approve the Amendment; and
 - (e) authorises the CEO to make any minor adjustments required to meet the intent of the above resolution.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Anne Horigan-Dixon;

Candice Charles, Protect Clifton Hill Inc.;

Damian O'Keefe;

Jonathan Hull; and

Glen McCallum, Protect Fitzroy North Inc.

Councillor Mohamed left the meeting at 10.40pm

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Wade

That Council defer the report on 'Fitzroy-Collingwood Interim Planning Scheme provisions (Stage 2) – Alexandra Parade, Victoria Parade (east of ACU) and Fitzroy West' for two weeks.

Councillor O'Brien suggested amending the two weeks to five weeks. The amendment was not accepted by the mover. It was formally put.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

That Council defer the report on 'Fitzroy-Collingwood Interim Planning Scheme provisions (Stage 2) – Alexandra Parade, Victoria Parade (east of ACU) and Fitzroy West' for five weeks.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Jolly and O'Brien

Against: Councillors Stone, Crossland, de Vietri, Nguyen, Landes and Wade

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Wade

That Council defer the report on 'Fitzroy-Collingwood Interim Planning Scheme provisions (Stage 2) – Alexandra Parade, Victoria Parade (east of ACU) and Fitzroy West' for two weeks.

CARRIED

8.5 Implementation of the Climate Emergency Plan

Reference	D21/14202
Author	Kelly Heffer - Sustainability Engagement Officer
Authoriser	Director Planning and Place Making

Councillor Mohamed returned at 10.57pm

RECOMMENDATION **Start time: 10.57pm**

1. That Council notes:
 - (a) the officer report providing an update on the implementation of the Council's Climate Emergency Plan;
 - (b) the strong progress that has been made to date since the adoption of the Plan in mid-2020; and
 - (c) that notwithstanding the strong progress, there are several actions in the Climate Emergency Plan that require further funding to proceed to full implementation and that these actions be referred to future Council budget cycles for consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor de Vietri **Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That the meeting be further extended by 30 minutes

CARRIED

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN); and

Jeremy Lawrence, Streets Alive Yarra.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone **Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

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CARRIED

8.6 Motions for ALGA National General Assembly and MAV State Council

Reference D21/21705
Author Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 11.25pm

1. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held on 20-23 June 2021, as tabled:
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
2. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held in on 21 May 2021, as tabled:
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____

REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held on 20-23 June 2021, as tabled:
 - (a) Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons; and
 - (b) Funding for local government climate action and adaptation.
2. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held in on 21 May 2021, as tabled:
 - (a) Youth employment taskforce; and
 - (b) Inclusionary zoning for social housing

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor de Vietri

Seconded: Councillor Landes

That the meeting be further extended by 20 minutes

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Stone

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 - (b) Inclusionary zoning for social housing

CARRIED

10. Petitions and joint letters

10.1 Petition – Ageing Dutch Elms on Drummond Street, Carlton

Reference: D21/22481

A petition from residents containing 18 signatures are seeking Council to:

“Respectfully request that Dutch Elms be removed as a collective unit so that trees are planted replicating the original planting, and the original tree-lined streetscape endures.”

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED

10.2 Petition – Parking Restrictions at the Yarra Bend Development

Reference: D21/26101

A petition from residents containing 106 signatures are requesting that Council lift the restrictions and allow residents unrestricted parking within the area.

‘Strongly oppose the drastic overnight changes to the parking restrictions within the Yarra Bend Development. It has gone from no restrictions to 2 hours 7 days a week. These new 7.00am to 7.00pm Monday – Sunday 2 hour parking restrictions are sudden and unwelcome posing a logistical nightmare for residents and effectively rendering comfortable living in the area impossible.’

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 11.31pm, not returning.

11. Questions without notice

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Questions Without Notice) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. Where a question is taken on notice and unable to be answered at the meeting, the full response is also published on Council's website when it becomes available.

11.1 Councillor O'Brien – Application PLN20/0567

Question:

When can we expect the Officer Report and recommendations to go to the Planning Decisions Committee (PDC), please?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response.

11.2 Councillor Stone – Edinburgh Gardens Working Group

Question:

On 15th December 2020, Council resolved to establish an Edinburgh Gardens Working Group of regular park users, local residents and a representative of Fitzroy North Primary School, to inform future management of the gardens in peak periods over summer and public holidays with Terms of Reference to be provided to the first council meeting in 2021.

Can the office please advise when these TORs will be completed?

Response:

The Group Manager Chief Executive's Office provided a response.

11.3 Councillor Nguyen – Collingwood Children's Farm MOU

Question:

Do we have an update on how far off that Memorandum of Understanding for the Collingwood Children's Farm is?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

12. Delegates' reports

12.1 Councillor Crossland - Metropolitan Transport Forum

Committee	Metropolitan Transport Forum
Appointed Councillors	Cr Gabrielle de Vietri and Cr Edward Crossland
Date of Council Meeting	3 March 2021
Date of Report	12 March 2021
Report Author	Cr Edward Crossland

DELEGATES REPORT

The Metropolitan Transport Forum met on 3 March 2021 online. Cr Crossland attended the meeting, with Cr Gabrielle de Vietri an apology on this occasion. Council officer in attendance was Julian Warne, Senior Transport Planner.

Agenda items for this meeting included:

- (a) Draft 2021 Strategic Plan;
- (b) Discussion regarding the Draft Strategic Plan, and the key areas MTF will focus:
 - (i) Active – walkers and riders
 - (ii) Buses – service and customer
 - (iii) Choice/ Advocacy – selected issues for joint advocacy; and
 - (iv) The Draft was adopted subject to minor adjustments.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Crossland **Seconded:** Councillor Landes

That Council note this Delegate's Report.

CARRIED

12.2 Councillor Crossland - Disability Advisory Committee

Committee	Disability Advisory Committee
Appointed Councillors	Cr Edward Crossland and Cr Stephen Jolly
Date of Council Meeting	9 March 2021
Date of Report	12 March 2021
Report Author	Cr Edward Crossland

DELEGATES REPORT

The Disability Advisory Committee met on 9 March 2021 at Collingwood Senior Citizen Centre. Cr Crossland chaired the meeting, with Cr Jolly an apology on this occasion. Council officers in attendance included Adrian Murphy, Manager Aged & Disability Services, and Laurice Younge, Metro Access Project Officer.

Agenda items for this meeting included:

Catalyst Program – Employment Program led by Committee member Keren Stephens

- Discussion regarding the development of the program in partnership with Catalyst, and the importance of finding avenues for employment for people with intellectual disabilities.

Accessible Housing – Building Standards led by Committee member David Brant

- Discussion regarding the National Building Code review, for which all State Housing Ministers will be making submission by the end of March. It was noted that options to further inform the Minister of DAC and Council's position of support be further explored.

Royal Commission – Aged Care / Mental Health led by Council officer Adrian Murphy

- Discussion regarding the favourable outcomes that have been flagged, further detail to be outlined at the next DAC.

Broader points of discussion:

Changes to the waste and recycling system

- Discussion regarding recent changes to the waste and recycling system, noting that there was interest in Council exploring opportunities for micro recycling businesses, and confirmed support for advocacy to other levels of government to reduce circulation of products that are currently not recycled locally.

Tram stop accessibility

- Discussion regarding the recent VAGO report which highlighted the State was not meeting legislated requirements, and how that directly impacts members of DAC. Cr Crossland to raise the views of DAC at an upcoming meeting with representatives from Yarra Trams.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Crossland

Seconded: Councillor Landes

That Council note this Delegate's Report.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor de Vietri

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

That the meeting be further extended by 15 minutes

CARRIED

13. General Business

13.1 Councillor Nguyen - Mental Health Services in Yarra

Councillor Landes left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 11.42pm.

BACKGROUND

The Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System released a final report on Tuesday 2 March 2021 and found Victoria's mental health system was overwhelmed and could not keep up with the number of people who sought treatment.

COVID-19 has had a detrimental impact on the mental health of our community residents and a whole of government response is required. For example, Recommendation 15 details the need to Support good mental health and wellbeing in local communities. Supporting the mental health of residents is vital to Yarra's COVID-19 resilience and recovery.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

That officers provide an interim report to Council by May to advise how Yarra can further support the mental health and wellbeing of Yarra residents (this may include but is not limited to a dedicated COVID-19 Addressing Mental Health Community Grant), followed by a review into council's mental health support against the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor de Vietri

That officers review how Yarra can further support the mental health and wellbeing of Yarra residents (this may include but is not limited to a dedicated COVID-19 Addressing Mental Health Community Grant), via a review into council's mental health support against the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System as part of the Health and Wellbeing Plan that will be integrated into the Council Plan.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 12.03pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 30 March 2021

Mayor